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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Intelligence reports varied from standard military intelligence summaries and reports to a wide variety of law enforcement reports that contained intelligence but were not identified as intelligence reports.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Intelligence reporting within the Joint Task Force, and within the SPMAGTF, included a daily intelligence summary (modified format to meet urban civil disturbance requirements), and intelligence spot reports as required. These reports proved workable and informative; using fax to disseminate these reports made them timely. On the other hand, there were many differing reports from law enforcement agencies which contained intelligence, but which were not identified as such. These included log pages, operations reports, statistical recaps, extracts from arrest reports, and a plethora of informally faxed paperwork, most of which Marines are not familiar with, and initially did not recognize as containing intelligence.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Standard intelligence reports work well and need no corrections. Intelligence personnel, however, need to aggressively seek out all possible reporting to examine it for intelligence information. Unit staff procedures need to ensure that, at least initially in the operation, all reports are routed through the intelligence section so that personnel can become familiar with law enforcement reports that contain information of intelligence value.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Unit intelligence training should include familiarization with law enforcement reports and reporting procedures, to prepare for effective intelligence operations in urban/civil disturbance situations. This can probably be done locally in conjunction with home police departments and country/state police offices.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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